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REMARKS§ 103 Rejections

Claims 1-18 and 23-25 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Prakash (US Pub. No. 2005/0017628) in view of Kakinuma et al. (US 6579422).

Claims 19-22 and 26-29 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Prakash (US Pub. No. 2005/0017628) and Kakinuma et al. (US 6579422) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Cok (US 6787990).

Applicant previously argued that Kakinuma does not teach an electrode layer that is continuous in the direction of the advancing web.

Relying upon Fig. 2(e) of Kakinuma, the Examiner stated that "Kakinuma teaches that electrode layer 8 or (stripe pattern 8a) is continuous in the direction of the advancing web.

Figure 2(e) is described in greater detail beginning at column 6, lines 32-37 as follows:

"As is apparent from FIG 2(e), in the flexible organic EL display to be formed, the stripe patterns 5 to 7 of three colors and the cathode stripe pattern 8, are stacked with high accuracy on the electrode pattern 4 which is intermittently formed on the substrate 1."

Accordingly reference numeral 8 is pointing to stripe pattern 8, whereas 8a is pointing to an individual cathode stripe (note column 9, lines 48-49).

The direction of the advancing web is equivalent to the film traveling direction as indicated by the large arrow in Fig. 2 of Kakinuma. Although, electrode pattern 8 is applied in the direction of the advancing web, this electrode layer is clearly discontinuous in the direction of the advancing web. If this electrode pattern were depicted as being continuous, the individual stripes would extend to the boundaries of the web parallel to the width of the web. Accordingly, 2(e) of Kakinuma does not disclose "at least one electrode layer that is continuous in the direction of the advancing web."

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The Examiner further stated rejected claim 24 does not recite the feature "at least one electrode layer is continuous in the direction of the advancing web. Claim 24 has been amended to recite an "advancing a web in a direction wherein the web comprises a continuous conductive flexible substrate suitable for use as a first electrode layer".

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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